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TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

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*Please note that all meeting dates, times, and locations are subject to change.
In-person meetings are held at the Pine Island
Multipurpose Center located at 3801 S. Pine Island Road.

Residents and business owners wishing to speak at a meeting can do so at the first meeting of the month. The first 30 minutes are designated as open public speak. For more information, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 954-797-1000 or at townclerksoffice@davie-fl.gov.

MEETINGS

ON THE COVER

Image of Betty Booth Roberts Park located at 4200 SW 61st Avenue, Davie, FL 33314



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THE DAVIE UPDATE

The Davie Update is the official publication of the Town of Davie. The magazine is shared with residents within the Town under the direction of the Administration Department. The Davie Update also can be viewed online at www.davie-fl.gov.

TOWN MISSION

The Town of Davie strives to be the preeminent community in South Florida to live, work, learn, and play while treasuring its preserved natural setting.

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Year 2022 budget. With the year we have had, this yearlong process is quite challenging without knowing what lies ahead for our economy. While we are on the cusp of recovering from the devastating impacts of COVID-19, now more than ever, we need to make fiscally sound decisions that will benefit our residents and businesses, invest in our community, plan for critical infrastructure, and stand strong and united as leaders of this Town. I encourage you to view the Community Forum that was taped and posted on the Town website and social media channels to learn more about the Town's budget priorities.

In June 2021, the Town transitioned to a new municipal solid waste service provider, Coastal Waste & Recycling. This process has been a challenge as the Town utilized the previous provider for over 40 years. The Town conducted a competitive procurement for solid waste services and the previous provider did not submit a proposal. We appreciate your patience through this transition and apologize for any inconvenience that you may have experienced.

Numerous residents have contacted me regarding their concerns about the new hybrid approach to recycling. As an avid recycler and supporter of maintaining our natural resources, I understand everyone's concerns regarding this change. However, the Town was faced with two options: continue with a recycling program that had a high contamination rate (40% +) resulting in the landfilling of the recyclables or temporarily sending the recyclables to the waste-to-energy (WTE) facility. The Town chose the latter

There is a lot of misinformation that is being circulated regarded the WTE program for which I want to clarify. While WTE is not the perfect recycling solution, it is the better alternative to the landfill, where material can take years, months, and decades to decompose. Additionally, the high contamination rates result in the landfilling of the recyclables. The WTE provides that 100% of recyclables are utilized as an alternative source of renewable energy. We have not given up on recycling; we are working to establish a program that would benefit our Town and other Broward County municipalities.

Davie along with other communities in South Florida are vulnerable to flooding Flooding is an inconvenience that we do not ever want to contend with, but we must be cognizant of this fact and do our best to be proactive and plan for it. The Town has been working with other local officials to implement a regional planning approach to floodplain management. While many of us want this to be resolved now, it will not happen overnight, as it takes a lot of planning and coordination to address systemic drainage issues. Our goal as local leaders is to address neighborhood flooding issues while working collaboratively with our neighboring municipal leaders to address sea-level rise and climate change.

With the start of the 2021 Atlantic Hurricane Season, it is a reminder for us to make a family preparedness plan. Flooding, prolonged power outages, and/or possible evacuations are all

challenges that are caused by hurricanes, storms, and other rain events to which South Florida is prone.

Every resident needs to take the necessary steps now so that they can endure these natural disasters. If you require placement in a special needs shelter or need a pet-friendly shelter, now is the time to get registered. Please get prepared, stay informed, and know your risk before the storm arrives. Visit the Town's website for more information at www.davie-fl.gov/DaviePrepares

Investing in our young people has always been a project that I take great pride in doing As a way to assist students in seeking education after high school, I created the Mayor's Scholarship Fund that supports Davie students taking the next step to higher education. For the sixth consecutive year, I have awarded \$500 to each student who qualifies. At the June 9, 2021, Town Council Meeting, I had the opportunity to present the recipient, Josias Jimenez, with this year's scholarship award in the amount of \$1,000. He is a remarkable student who has excelled academically, extracurricular activities, and many hours of community service. In reviewing his application, I was quite impressed with his goals for public advocacy, providing equal access to needed resources, and various social changes. I wish him all the best in his endeavors. I will always be a champion for our youth and education.

I am proud to have participated in the graduation parade for the Western High School students. The parade which took place on June 5, 2021, was a heartwarming experience for me. It was spectacular to see residents, proud parents, teachers, friends, and loved ones lined up along the route with signs to cheer these graduating seniors. For all the students who graduated recently, I want to congratulate you. I know as a student you were faced with numerous challenges but somehow, that did not prevent you from pursuing your studies. You pushed on and pushed forth for this accomplishment.

As activities resume in the Town, I want to encourage you to keep posted for upcoming Davie Pro Rodeo events, recreational activities, and other iconic events such as our July 4 festivities. As we resume fireworks at Pine Island Park, I hope to see you during the event as we celebrate America.

Judy Laul



Michelle Whitman District 1 mwitman@davie-fl.

For more than a year, COVID-19 has dominated and monopolized our life, our community, our businesses, and our residents. We are now starting to see things change for the better which can be attributed to the accessibility to the COVID-19 vaccine and everyone doing their part by adhering to the various health official quidelines

On February 10, 2021, the Town opened its vaccination point of dispensing (POD) at the Pine Island Multipurpose Center as a measure to assist community members in receiving their vaccination and providing an easily accessible venue to our residents. The POD started by issuing 60 vaccines per day and over time, that increased to 300 per day. On March 4, I started volunteering at the site along with my fellow Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members since the vaccination volume increased. Together, CERT provided 900 hours of assistance at the POD before its closure. I take great pride in the fact that our small role played a part in getting our residents the vaccine services needed

With hurricane season on the horizon, keeping our waterways, canals, and drains clean is extremely important. With that in mind, the C-11 Canal is one of the main waterway arteries that require cleaning. In April, we had the opportunity to organize a small group of volunteers to assist with picking up debris along the canal banks of Linear Park from the Turnpike to University Drive. Working together. we collected 23 garbage bags. I want to thank everyone for their help and participation. We are hoping to plan another event later this year. Remember, always be kind to each other and stay safe. It has been my honor to serve as your District 1 Councilmember



Caryl Hattan Vice Mayor District 2 chattan@davie-fl.gov

For more than 30 years, the Town of Davie has partnered with the Boy Scouts of America to host the annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. For the first time in 30 years. last year's event was postponed due to the pandemic. I was elated when we were authorized to host this year's event in person. As we led the parade from the Fire Department to the Rodeo Grounds, I felt immense pride to see the comradery amonast our residents who showed up to honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for us to live free.

Several members of my family served in the

Armed Services - my father, my brother, and my husband so I know and understand the sacrifices all our military personnel make. For everyone who attended in person or virtually. thank you for taking the time to remember our nation's heroes.

My dear friend, philanthropist, and disability advocate Karen Patton Fortman was recently inducted into the 2021 Dr. Nan S. Hutchison Broward Senior Hall of Fame I selected her as my nominee this year because of her tireless efforts in the Town of Davie and Broward County to bring awareness, educate, and champion the needs of the disabled community who often times is underrepresented. She has served on the Broward County School Board and led the initiative to include an Americans with Disability Act component to the **Broward County Emergency Management** Comprehensive Plan.

As summer approaches and the kids are out of school, I want to encourage you to make use of the local libraries that are offering a wide variety of educational programs. Broward County Libraries recently kicked off their Summer Learning Program that features books, trivia, contests, crafts, puppet shows, and other activities. To locate your closest library, visit https://www.broward.org/Library/ Pages/summer.aspx. As a retired teacher, it is my mission to find ways and means to keep our children engaged.

As your council representative. I remain available to assist you. I wish you all the best for 2020.



Susan Starkey Councilme District 3 sstarkey@davie-fl.gov

The Fiscal Year 2021 Legislative Session came and went in what felt like a blink of an eye. The State Capitol was closed to the public for the most part due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thousands of bills were presented in the legislature this year with only 275 of the said bills passing. We saw bills that covered a wide array of subject areas, but we paid special attention to the ones that align with the Town's priorities or that could significantly impact the quality of life for our residents. I remind our residents that you are our eves and ears as we cannot be everywhere so if there are issues that are negatively impacting your community, let us know so that we can work to address it.

This Legislative Season was unique because our lawmakers also held a special session from May 17-19 discuss the Seminole Gaming Compact. This is of particular interest to the Town as we have experienced public safety impacts from the gaming facilities. I was asked to attend along with staff on behalf of the Town to ensure our needs were heard, addressed, and recognized before a decision

was made. I want to thank all our representatives who worked so diligently on our behalf and provided their support to ensure we accomplished our desired

I am so elated to see the resumption of our amenities including parks, playgrounds, shelter rentals, and sports activities. Going out to enjoy nature with my family and friends is one of my favorite things to do. Remember. we all have a personal responsibility to keep ourselves, family members, and friends safe I hope to see you at our Fourth of July festivities at Pine Island Park and other events as we return to normal. Have a happy, safe,



Marlon Luis mluis@davie-fl.gov

The Town Council held its Vision and Goalsetting workshop in February 2021 and provided direction regarding the development and construction of Governor Leroy Collins Farm Park located at Shotgun Road and SW 26th Street, Governor Lerov Collins Farm Park aims to provide a working urban minifarm where crops are grown and animals are raised where children and adults learn in a hands-on environment about agricultural production from seedling to market and about the area's agricultural history.

The Town will now develop the park based on the original grant application as the most recent cost estimate based on a modified design. exceeded \$20 million. Through the transfer of the park's wetlands to Davie Wetlands Park and the transfer of fill from Davie Wetlands Park, the new project cost estimate stands at \$7.9 million. The Town is continuing with the project design through M.C. Harry Associates and will be coordinating a community meeting in the next few months to discuss the park development plan and solicit resident feedback

As a small business owner, I want to remind everyone to continue to support our local businesses in and around Davie as they are the backbones of the community. The Town of Davie recently partnered with the Florida Atlantic University Small Business Development Center or SBDC. The Center provides one-on-one consultations (virtual and in-person), helps businesses gain access to capital, increase sales, trade globally, develop and implement successful business continuity, plannina, and provide access to training. The SBDC team is trained and equipped to address a variety of business needs. regardless of trade or sector. SBDC services are provided at no cost and are confidential. The Town's point of contact is Antonio Lasi. He is waiting to speak with you and assist in any way you need them. Please contact him to access this resource at alasi@fau.edu or call

The Town of Davie Municipal Offices have reopened for in-person municipal business transactions. In-person services are available by appointment only.

Appointments must be made in advance by telephone, email, or appointment software (Building Division* only). Individuals can also continue to contact the respective Town departments or divisions via telephone or email to conduct

Town Hall Appointment Protocols:

If you have a scheduled appointment at Davie Town Hall located at 6591 Orange Drive, please park in the north parking lot (close to rodeo grounds) and check in with the Town Clerk's Office. Staff will contact the respective office to advise that its appointment is on-site.

Office hours will be Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the A complete department and staff Building Division will be from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m

Community Services Division Appointment Protocols:

In addition to online appointments, residents can utilize the dropbox to submit applications and other required documentation.

Police Department Appointment Protocols:

The Davie Police Department's lobby located at 1230 S. Nob Hill Road, will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. On Fridays, online records requests will be processed. Property requests will be by appointment only. Visitors will be screened at the front entrance and access permitted as needed.

directory can be found on the Town's website at: www.davie-fl.gov/Directory.aspx.

*Electronic ProjectDox submittals only. No paper plans will be processed.

To schedule an appointment, please contact the specific contacts listed for each department or division below:

Administration: 954-797-1034 Budget & Finance: 954-797-1050 Building Division: bit.ly/DavieBookAppt

Business Tax Receipt: 954-797-1212 Community Redevelopment Agency: 954-797-1232

Community Services Division: 954-797-1173

Engineering: 954-797-1113 Fire Rescue: 954-797-1213

Human Resources: 954-797-1100

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts: 954-797-1145 Planning & Zoning: 954-797-1103

Police: 954-693-8200

Procurement: 954-797-1050 Public Works & Capital Projects: 954-797-1042

Town Attorney: 954-797-1140

Town Clerk's Office: 954-797-1000 Town Council: 954-797-1030

Utilities Customer Service: 954-797-1065



The Davie Police Department welcomed Officer Austin Smith and Officer Breanna Sibole to the Department. Additionally, a special congratulations to Officer Smith who received the Honor Medallion Award during the ceremony (Picture 1).

Assistant Chief James Polan joins Davie as a seasoned law enforcement professional serving in numerous law enforcement agencies including command positions at the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, Broward Sheriff's Office, and Seminole Police Department. He has served the South Florida community for over 39 years. (Picture 2)

The Davie Police Department is proud to introduce a new Special Needs Program. This program is designed to improve interactions and responses with individuals with special needs and who reside within the Town of Davie. The Davie Police Department invites Town of Davie residents to proactively provide information to our department about any loved one(s) with special needs, regardless of age, who may require special assistance in an emergency situation or interaction with our officers. For more information visit, www.davie-fl.gov/SpecialNeedsRegistry (Picture 3).





The CERT program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training taught in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when public safety personnel are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to take a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community. By getting trained in CERT, you will have the skills to help emergency responders save lives and protect property. The next Fall CERT class will begin on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, through October 26, 2021, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.. for eight weeks until October 26, 2021. For more information, please call the Davie Fire Rescue at 954-797-1213. Picture 1 features the 2021CERT graduating class.

Fire Rescue Department held a Pinning Ceremony for its Fire Recruit Class 21-01 on March 29, 2021. Pictured left to right are class graduates Stephen Visnic, Paul-Michael Coulson, Ryan Garth, and Thomas Frezza (Photos 2 and 3).

UPDATES









Tun on the Fourth July 4, 2021

You don't want to miss out on these fun activities going on for the Fourth of July! Sit back and relax during the Fourth of July Spectacular taking place at the Bamford Sports Complex at Pine Island Park.

The fireworks show will begin at 9 p.m. Residents are reminded to practice social distancing at all times. Please note that the event is open for Davie residents only due to COVID-19 restrictions. The event will be live streamed for all to enjoy.

Davie Residents Only | Preregistration Required

Davie Pro Rodeo September 11, 2021

Weekley Brothers Davie Pro Rodeo is proud to announce the 2021 Weekley Brothers Davie Pro Rodeo which will be held on September 11, 2021 in "Cowboy Town", Davie, Florida.

The Rodeo begins at 7:30pm and gates open at 6 p.m.

For ticket information and more, visit www.DavieProRodeo.com or www.facebook.com/DavieProRodeo. It's sure to be family-friendly fun for everyone!

EVERTS



UATIC & FITNESS CENTER

Invest in your well-being and become a member of the Town of Davie Aquatic and Fitness Center. We offer both 6-month and 12-month memberships. Memberships include the use of our olympic-sized pool, as well as our state-of-the-art equipment by Cybex, Hoist, and True. We also have an extensive line of cardiovascular equipment, including treadmills, elliptical trainers, stair climbers, and stationary bicycles. The center is open for members and residents. The daily drop-in rate will apply to all non-members.

AQUATIC PRICING

Pine Island Park Pool

3800 SW 92nd Avenue | 954-327-3927 Monday - Friday: 5 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Sunday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Pine Island Park Pool Admission Fees:

Davie Residents / Nonresidents Adults 19+ \$4 / \$6 Youth Ages 3-18 \$3 / \$4 Seniors 65+ \$1 / \$1

Betty Booth Roberts Park Pool Fees

4200 SW 61st Avenue | 954-327-3927 OPEN: June 10 - September 6, 2021 Monday - Sunday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Admission Fees:

Davie Residents / Nonresidents Adults 19+ \$2 / \$2 Youth ages 3-18 \$1.50 / \$1.50 Seniors 65+ \$1 / \$1

FITNESS PRICING

Pine Island Fitness Center

3800 SW 92nd Avenue | 954-327-3926 Monday - Friday: 5a.m.-11a.m /12 - 8:45 p.m. Saturday: 8 a.m. - 5p.m. | Sunday: CLOSED

Daily Drop-in Fee

Resident Adult \$7 Resident Teen (15-18) \$6 Resident Senior (65+) \$5 Nonresident Adult \$10 Nonresident Youth \$7.50 Nonresident Senior (65+) \$7.50

Resident Membership Rates

6 months / 12 months Resident Adult \$150 / \$210 Resident Teen (15-18) \$125 / \$175 Resident Senior (55 & over) \$100 / \$150 Resident Family (4 members)* \$225 / \$325 Resident Senior Family (2 members 55 & over) \$150 / \$175 (2 members 65 & over) \$125 / \$117 Additional Family members: \$25 each

Nonresident Membership Rates

6 month / 12 month Nonresident Adult \$250 / \$325 Nonresident Teen \$150 / \$225 Nonresident Family (4 members) \$300 / \$400

Additional Family members: \$25 each *Family members must be immediate family.

AQUATIC CENTER

The swimming pool is now open for all guest. Designated area for Open Swim is available for recreational swimming. Lap and fitness lane patrons can make reservations to ensure their lane. Members and residents are given priority. To ensure lane availability, reservations should be made within the specified time frames below:

Members five days in advance Residents three days in advance Nonresidents one day in advance To make reservations, please call 954-327-3926.

SwimFast

The SwimFast swim team is a full-service swim team serving young swimmers ages 6 and up in three groups, Stroke School (for new swimmers of all ages), Age Group, and Senior Swimmers. The SwimFast Program can fulfill your swimming needs whether you are a new swimmer or an elite swimmer aspiring to high levels of success.

The coaching staff, headed by John Leonard, is one of the best-known names in the world of swimming. It includes 3 ASCA Level 5 (highest level) coaches, two Level 4 coaches, and one Level 3 coach. To join, contact the coaches in person at the pool (on deck from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., daily, Monday the contact Coach John Leonard at 954-684-3024 or by email at JLeonard@swimmingcoach.org

Davie Stroke Doctor

Stroke Doctor Swimming provides the best in personalized, hands-on swimming instruction. The lessons will give you the skills to swim with confidence and speed in any body of water. From elite athletes to anxious beginners, our patient, knowledgeable approach produces the best results. Please contact Gary at 954-629-7724 for more information.

Nancy Olson Water Aerobics

These group classes focus on cardiovascular, strength and flexibility training. The instructor uses a variety of fitness formats, including, high-intensity interval training such as such as Tabata, interval and circuit training, plus mind and body formats for a complete workout. The first group class is FREE. For more information, please contact Nancy at 954-383-1132 or njolson97@gmail.com

Davie Scuba Classes (Divers Cove)

The Open Water Diver course consists of 3 main parts. These parts include Knowledge development to learn the basic principles of scuba diving through home study and classroom, confined water dives or pool dives to learn basic scuba skills at Pine Island Pool, and open water dives to review your skills and explore the "world below."

Additional SCUBA classes include Bubblemaker for 8 years and older, Discover SCUBA, and Divers with Disabilities. Please contact 954-473-1220 to register for the next scheduled class.

Azura Florida Aquatics is a swim program, formed by dedicated professionals in the field of swimming who create and develop aquatic programs within our community. Programs teach and train swim athletes of all ages from novice to world class swimmers. Our coaching style instills confidence and a positive attitude in all our swimmers providing them a positive experience that will help them to meet their life goals and future endeavors in a safe environment. Please contact Coach Gianluca by email at Info@AzuraAquatics.com

FITNESS CENTER

Davie Fitness Personal Training

South Florida Fitness Pro where the pros get trained! Personal trainer Charles Mihlstin has over 25 years of experience in the fitness community. A-Z Sports Specialist Customized Nutrition and Workout Plan Fat Loss and Body Shaping Fitness and Nutrition for the Next Generation Nutrition Analyst Trainer of Champions. Please contact Charles at 954-401-9860 for your free consultation.

G20 Fitness is a group strengthening and conditioning program specifically designed to deliver RESULTS! Getting you in the best shape of your life! We use an energizing group interval fitness concept and the proven science of post exercise oxygen consumption to tone your body and invigorate your day. Please contact Gabriel De La Garza at 954-357-3770.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY INFO

Sign up to receive Sports Alerts via email. Go to the Town of Davie website at www.davie-fl.gov, and click on Notify Me. Next click on sports alerts, field conditions, canceled games and practices, and new sports registration. Dates are announced utilizing this medium.

Park Rangers
Park Rangers are on duty between the hours of 7 a.m. and 11 p.m., Monday through Sunday. They are available to address concerns and questions you may have while utilizing the Town of Davie recreation facilities, which include parks, trails, playgrounds, picnic shelters, sports fields, restrooms, tennis courts, basketball courts, and community recreation buildings.

Please contact the Park Rangers at 954-275-8504 to report vandalism, dogs off leashes, and any other park concerns. Your cooperation is appreciated and will help keep our parks safer and cleaner. For additional Park Ranger Program information, please contact the Park Ranger Coordinator at 954-797-1159. Monday through Friday.

PARK LOCATIONS

BAMFORD SPORTS COMPLEX/ PINE ISLAND PARK 3801 S Pine Island Road

BERMAN PARK 5801 SW 58th Avenue

BERGERON PARK 1900 S Nob Hill Road

BETTY BOOTH ROBERTS

4200 SW 61st Avenue

DRIFTWOOD ESTATES PARK 3300 NW 77th Avenue

EAST DAVIE NATURE PARK 5350 S.W. 58th Avenue

FALCONS LEA PARK 14900 Stirling Road

FIRE FIGHTER PARK 6991 Orange Drive

JAMES ALE MEMORIAL 6061 SW 36th Ct

JOY YODER EQUESTRIAN 3800 SW 142nd Avenue

LANGE PARK 6550 SW 47th Street

LIBERTY PARK 13500 S.W. 8th Street

LINEAR PARK

Paralleling the South New River Canal and Orange Drive

MATH IGLER CITRUS PARK 2581 S Hiatus Road

OAKHILL EQUESTRIAN PARK 3100 SW 130th Avenue

OWLS LOOKOUT PARK SW 26th Street

PALOMINO PARK 15410 SW 50th Street

POTTER PARK 4300 SW 57th Terrace

REFLECTIONS PARK 4200 Alpine Woods Road

ROBBINS LODGE PRESERVE 4005 S. Hiatus Road

SHENANDOAH PARK 14601 SW 14th Street

SILVER LAKES ROTARY **NATURE PARK** 5695 SW 52nd Avenue

SUNNY LAKE BIRD SANCTUARY 5300 Griffin Road

THE PARK AT WAVERLY 6625 Hawkes Bluff Avenue

VETERANS PARK 5750 SW 39th Street

WATERFORD PARK 15090 S Waterford Drive

WES GRIFFIN PARK 2300 SW 71st Terrace

WESTRIDGE PARK 2900 SW Nob Hill Road

WOLF LAKE PARK 5400 SW 76th Avenue



















FLOOD HAZARION

ongress created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in response to the rising cost of taxpayer-funded disaster relief for flood victims. The NFIP makes federally backed flood insurance available in communities that agree to adopt and to enforce floodplain management ordinances to reduce further flood damage. In addition, the NFIP's Community Rating System (CRS) rewards community floodplain management activities that exceed program standards with flood insurance premium discounts for those communities. The Town of Davie has participated in the CRS Program since 1992. Through the annual accreditation process, the Town is a Class 7 community, which gives Davie residents living in a special flood-hazard area (SFHA) a 15% discount on their flood insurance. Residents living in a non-SFHA zone receive a 5% discount.

FEMA FLOOD MAPS

Residents and businesses are encouraged to review the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood maps to better understand their potential flood risk and to help identify steps that they may need to take to protect against property damage

The flood maps can be accessed on the Town of Davie homepage at www.davie-fl.gov. Go to the Community tab and select Flood Map under Local Flood Hazard. The Town can also provide you a flood zone determination for your property based on the latest FEMA flood map by calling the Engineering Division at 954-797-1113. The Engineering Division can also provide information regarding historical flood information and identified wetlands for your neighborhood.

LOCAL FLOOD HAZARD
A large portion of the Town of Davie is located within an environmentally sensitive drainage region known as the C-11

The stormwater runoff for this basin flows through secondary canals into the C-11 canal. For areas east of Nob Hill Road, the C-11 canal drains into the Atlantic Ocean. For areas west of Nob Hill Road, runoff is pumped into the Everglades.

The most recent demonstration of Davie's flood hazard occurred with the heavy rains of 2017 and Tropical Storm Eta. Davie received extensive rainfall that inundated the drainage system. In response to this event, the Town is conducting drainage studies and is undertaking improvements throughout Davie, including Shenandoah, Vista Filare, Oak Hill, Forest Ridge, Little Country Estates, Grove Estates, and New River Estates. In addition, the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) recently completed a master stormwater system for the Playland Village Community.

In 2017, the Town Council approved a stormwater master plan to address flood prone areas in cooperation with our drainage partners, including Central Broward Water Control District and the South Florida Water Management District. The master plan priorities include mitigation of flood-prone areas; maintenance of a functional stormwater drainage system; compliance with current and future regulatory requirements and permits; maintaining the health and quality of life for residents; and water-quality concerns. The study provides recommendations to accomplish the priorities through capital infrastructure improvements and defined funding for operating needs.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Standard homeowner's insurance policies do not cover losses due to floods. Flood insurance is available to any owner of insurable property (a building or its contents). Renters may also insure their personal property against flood loss. The average annual premium for flood insurance is \$420. The actual cost will vary depending upon the amount of coverage and the

degree of the flood hazard. Residents can purchase policies up to \$250,000 for their homes and \$100,000 for contents. Nonresidential structures can be protected up to \$500,000 for the structure and \$500,000 for contents. We urge people who live or own property in flood-hazard areas to purchase

flood insurance to protect themselves from losses due to flooding. There is a 30-day waiting period before NFIP coverage takes effect. Please note that flood insurance is required for properties with a federally backed mortgage. This insurance is especially poignant since there is a 26% chance of experiencing a flood during the life of a 30-year mortgage.

PROPERTY PROTECTION MEASURES
Property protection measures, including retrofitting, should be taken with the onset of a flood or if your home is susceptible to flooding. If flooding is likely and time permits, move essential items and furniture to the upper areas of your home. Keep materials like sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting, and lumber handy for emergency waterproofing. This action will help to minimize the amount of property damage caused by floodwaters.

Retrofitting involves the modification of surrounding terrain and your home to reduce the risk of flooding. Surrounding terrain modifications include the installation of an earthen berm or

Home modifications include raising the home, waterproofing the walls, and elevating electrical panel boxes, furnaces, water heaters, and washers and dryers to locations less likely to be flooded. Engineering staff is available to conduct site visits of your property and to provide specific advice regarding flood protection for your property.

FEMA grants may be available to assist residents in retrofitting their homes. For more information, contact the Engineering Division at 954-797-1113, or visit www.FEMA.gov.

NATURAL AND BENEFICIAL FUNCTIONS
State regulations protect those natural areas that help to reduce the risks associated with flooding. When portions of floodplains are preserved in (or restored to) their natural state, they provide many benefits to both human and natural systems. In particular, the Everglades Aquifer, which provides drinking water to the South Florida area, benefits from the preservation of natural areas. These benefits range from providing aesthetic pleasure to reducing the number and the severity of floods, to helping handle stormwater runoff, and minimizing nonpoint water pollution. Nonpoint is the opposite of a direct pipe or point pollution discharge. For example, by allowing floodwater to slow down, and sediments settle out, thus maintaining water quality. The natural vegetation filters out impurities and uses excess nutrients.

FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

The Town recently received the designation as a StormReady Community. This program recognizes communities that take a proactive approach to disseminating timely information regarding local hazardous weather conditions. The Town works cooperatively with the Broward County Office of Emergency Management and the National Weather Service to relay updates of threatening weather to government and media outlets. Flood warnings or watch advisories are issued through local radio and TV stations. These advisories are broadcast on radio (including WIOD 610 AM and WFTL 1400 AM), television (including WFOR-Channel 4, WTVJ-Channel 6, WSVN-Channel 7, and WPLG-Channel 10), and other media outlets.

The Town also has an information hotline that provides details on advisories relating to emergencies, including hurricanes. This hotline is updated as necessary and can be reached at 954-797-1122.

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FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

The Town of Davie has adopted regulations on floodplain development. The regulations control the alteration of the natural floodplains; prevent or regulate the construction of flood barriers which will unnaturally divert floodwaters or which may increase flood hazards in other areas; restrict or prohibit uses which may result in damaging increases in erosion or in flood heights or velocities; and control filling, grading, dredging, and other development which may increase flood damages.

Davie regulates development through the review process whereby building and engineering permits are required prior to construction, filling, or otherwise altering the natural elevations of a site. Prior to commencing site development or construction work, it is recommended that the Engineering Division be contacted at 954-797-1113. To report illegal floodplain development, please contact the Engineering Division.

Elevation certificates are required as part of the permitting process for all newly constructed or substantially improved buildings To find out if an elevation certificate has been completed for your property, call the Building Division at 954-797-1111, in Davie. The certificate documents and the base flood elevation (BFE) of new buildings are available to any inquirers.

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT/DAMAGE REQUIREMENTS

According to the Davie Building Code, a substantial improvement is defined as "any repair, reconstruction, or improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50% of the market value of the structure before the repair is started or if the structure is damaged and is being restored before the damage occurred." Substantially improved buildings must meet the same construction requirements as a new building. Similarly, damaged buildings, where the repair will cost 50% or more of the original building value before the damage occurred, must be brought up to current building code and floodplain management regulations. The floodplain management regulations include that the lowest finished floor must be at or above the BFE. The Town building officials make the determination as to whether a structure is considered substantially improved or substantially damaged.

DRAINAGE SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE

The Town is served by a manmade system of primary and tributary canals and swale areas that was constructed originally to drain the Everglades and now to accommodate the flow of water for stormwater management purposes. These drainage features are critical to the success of water management practices which are incorporated into the development review process. State law prohibits dumping or unauthorized obstructions or alterations of the drainage canals or swale areas. Illegal dumping can lead to clogged swales and canals that will not properly carry water away during a rain event. To report illegal dumping, please contact Code Compliance at 954-693-8237.

The Town's canal system is maintained on a regular basis by the local drainage districts. These districts include the Central Broward Water Control District, the South Broward Drainage District, the South Florida Water Management District, and the Tindall Hammock Drainage District.

The Public Works Department conducts an annual inspection of the drainage system to ensure proper maintenance. To report a drainage problem, residents can contact the Public Works Department at 954-797-1240 or can submit their concerns through the Town's website, www.davie-fl.gov

MORE INFORMATION

Visit FloodSmart.gov and Ready.gov for additional flood-related information, including a list of flood insurance companies in the state of Florida, processing of filing a letter of map revision, property protection measures, and flood-safety tips.

The Town's flood information library is located at the Davie-Cooper City Library, 4600 S.W. 82nd Avenue, Davie, FL 33328. The library can be reached at 954-680-0050 or at *browardlibrary.org*. This library contains FEMA publications, Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and other flood-related documents. Residents can access the Town's flood website by clicking on the "Local Flood Hazard Information" link on the Town's homepage, www.davie-fl.gov. If you would like to see real-time site readings from the regional water pumps, please go to www.sfwmd.gov/science-data/current-water-conditions

FLOOD SAFETY

You should consider the following to minimize loss to your home and to ensure your family's safety:

Q: WHAT SHOULD I DO BEFORE A FLOOD?

- Take photos or videos of your important
- Post emergency telephone numbers by the phone, and teach children to dial 911.
- Plan and practice a flood evacuation route with your
- family.

 Establish an out-of-state "family contact person," and ensure that everyone in your family knows that person's name, address, and phone number.
- For drains, toilets, and other sewer connections, install backflow valves or plugs to prevent floodwaters from entering.

Q: WHAT SHOULD I DO DURING A FLOOD?

- Fill bathtubs, sinks, and jugs with clean water. Listen to a battery-operated radio to keep you
- If instructed, turn off all utilities at the main power
- switch and the main gas valve.

 If told to evacuate your home, do so immediately.

 If waters start to rise inside your house, retreat to the highest floor, attic, and, if necessary, the roof.

 If you have come in contact with floodwaters, wash your hands with soap and water.
- Avoid walking through floodwater; as little as six
- inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. Do not drive through a flooded area. If you come upon a flooded road, take another route.
- Stay away from downed power lines or electrical
- Look out for animals.

Q: WHAT SHOULD I DO AFTER A FLOOD?

- If your home has suffered damage, call your
- insurance agent.
 Take photos of any water in the house, and save
- damaged personal property for insurance purposes. Check for structural damage before reentering your home, and do not enter if a portion of the building has collapsed.
- Upon reentering your property, do not use matches and cigarette lighters since gas may be trapped inside. If you smell gas or hear hissing, open a window, quickly, and call the gas company from a neighbor's home. Keep power off until an electrician has inspected
- your system for safety.
 Check for sewage and waterline damage. If you suspect damage, avoid using the tap, and call a
- Throw away any food including canned goods -
- that has come in contact with floodwater.
 Until local authorities declare your water supply to be safe, boil water for drinking and preparation.

TEN-STEP FAMILY PLAN

STEP 1: Hold a family meeting.

Discuss the hazards of hurricanes. Encourage children to talk about their fears, and explain some of the things you will be doing to keep everyone safe. Start a written list of things you will need to take care of, and encourage everyone in the family to contribute their ideas

STEP 2: Discuss shelter options.

Discuss whether you will need to evacuate. All mobile homes are considered to be in an evacuation zone and if the order to evacuate is given, all Davie residents who reside in mobile homes must comply. Going to a family member or a friend's house or hotel outside the evacuation area is your best choice. If you choose to go out of town, do so well in advance of the storm. Since shelters provide for only basic needs, this should be your choice of last resort.

STEP 3: Ensure your assets are protected.

Inventory your home possessions, and videotape or photograph items of value. Review your insurance policies to ensure you have adequate coverage.

STEP 4: Assess your home for vulnerable areas.

Do a walk-through of your home and property to evaluate your roof, windows, garage door, landscaping, etc., and determine what actions you will take.

STEP 5: Make a plan to protect your vehicles.

Decide where you will store or park your vehicle, boat, or RV. Check your vehicle insurance policy, and keep it in the same safe place as your homeowner's policy.

STEP 6: Secure your home.

Decide what actions you will need to take to protect your home and your property (shutters, generator, trim trees) and to keep as comfortable as possible during recovery.

STEP 7: Determine whether anyone in your home has special needs.

Discuss whether anyone in your home is elderly or has special needs and, if so, make arrangements in advance to accommodate those needs.

STEP 8: Make a plan for your pet.

Determine how you will address your pet's needs, and make a plan for your pet in case you have to evacuate. Be sure to plan for large animals, such as horses.

STEP 9: Gather your supplies.

Determine your family's food, water, and medical needs, and assemble your hurricane kit according to those needs

STEP 10: Notify others of your plan.

Let family or friends know what your hurricane plan is so that they can check on you in the aftermath of the storm. Establish an out-of-town contact.

HURRICANE SEASON IS JUNE 1 TO NOVEMBER 30. STAY PREPARED.

LARGE ANIMAL HURRICANE RELEASE PROGRAM

The Town of Davie is currently accepting preregistration applications for the Temporary Horse Release Program for large animals. In order to qualify for the Temporary Release Program, you must be a Davie resident or your horse must be boarded in or live in Davie.

Once a hurricane warning has been issued, the site will open for preregistered horses only. This site will reopen to retrieve your horses when the winds have subsided to a maximum of 40 mph. You are encouraged to visit the site for yourself before completing your preregistration form to determine whether you feel it is safer than your current situation.

The cost for the program is \$40 per horse. This fee must be included with your preregistration. Preregistration forms are available by contacting Jeffrey Pohlman at 954-797-1163, jpohlman@davie-fl.gov, or by downloading an application and other important information by visiting www.davie-fl.gov.

PET-FRIENDLY RED CROSS SHELTER

A pet-friendly shelter operated by the American Red Cross and the Broward County Humane Society is available to residents with pets who either live in an evacuation area or in a mobile home anywhere in Broward County. Preregistration is required. Call 954-989-3977.

UNDERSTANDING THE TERMINOLOGY

Tropical Cyclone - A rotating, organized system of clouds and thunderstorms that originates over tropical or subtropical waters and has a closed low-level circulation. Tropical cyclones rotate counterclockwise in the Northern Hemisphere. Tropical Depression - A tropical cyclone with maximum sustained winds of 38 mph (33 knots) or less.

Tropical Storm - A tropical cyclone with maximum sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph (34 to 63 knots).

Hurricane - A tropical cyclone with maximum sustained winds of 74 mph (64 knots) or higher. In the western North Pacific, hurricanes are called typhoons; similar storms in the Indian Ocean and South Pacific Ocean are called cyclones.

Major Hurricane - A tropical cyclone with maximum sustained winds of 111 mph (96 knots) or higher, corresponding to a Category 3, 4, or 5 on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale.

Post-tropical cyclone - A system that no longer possesses sufficient tropical characteristics to be considered a tropical cyclone. Post-tropical cyclones can still bring heavy rain and high winds. Source: A PREPAREDNESS GUIDE - U.S.

STAY IN THE KNOW:
SIGN UP FOR TOWN OF DAVIE
EMERGENCY ALERTS AT
WWW.DAVIE-FL.GOV

DISASTER KIT CHIECKLIST

General

- At least two weeks supply of medication, medical supplies used regularly and a list of allergies
- List of the style, serial number, and manufacturer information of required medical devices
- Flashlight
 Do not use candles and be
 sure to have enough batteries
- Radio
 Battery operated or hand
 cranked radio, a NOAA
 weather radio
- Cash
 Banks and ATMs may not be
 available after a storm

Pet Care Items

- Pet food and water
- Proper identification
- Medical records/ microchip info
- ☐ A carrier or cage☐ Muzzle and leash
- Water and food bowls
- ☐ Water and food bo
- Supplies for your service animal

Clothing

Include seasonal or rain gear and sturdy shoes or boots.

Special Needs Items

☐ Be sure to include specialty items for infants, small children, the elderly, and those family members with a disability.

First Aid

- First Aid Manual
- Sterile adhesive bandages of different sizes
- Sterile gauze pads
- Hypoallergenic adhesive tape
- □ Triangular bandages
- Scissors
- Tweezers
- Sewing needle
- ☐ Moistened towellettes
- Antiseptic
- Thermometer
- Tube of petroleum jelly
- Safety pins
- Soap
- Latex gloves
- Sunscreen
- Aspirin or other pain reliever
- ☐ Anti-diarrheal medicine ☐ Antacid
- Laxative
- Cotton balls
- Q-tips

Food and Water

- Food
 - Enough for at least seven (7) days, nonperishable packaged or canned food and beverages, snack foods, juices, baby food, and any special dietary items
- Non-electric can opener
- Paper plates
- Napkins

Utensils

- Plastic cups
- Water (1 gallon per person)

Important Documents

- ☐ Insurance cards
- Medical records
- Bank numbers
- Credit card numbers
- Copy of social security card
- Copies of birth and/or marriage certificates
- Other personal documents

 Set of car, house, and
 office keys
- Service animal I.D., veterinary records, and proof of ownership
- Information about where you receive medication, the name of the drug, and dosage
- Copy of will

*Items should be kept in a water proof container

Vehicle

Keep your motor vehicle tanks filled with gasoline

Phone Numbers

Maintain a list of important phone numbers including: county emergency management office, evacuation sites, doctors, banks, schools, veterinarian, a number for out of town contact, friends & family

COVID-19 Supplies

- Face masks
- Disinfectant wipes
- Hand sanitizer

LEARN HOW YOU CAN HELP

The Town of Davie, City of Cooper City, and the Davie-Cooper City Chamber of Commerce launched a joint shop and eat local campaign called, How Can I Help.

The campaign is designed to help mitigate the continued effects COVID-19 has had on local businesses. While adhering to Broward County Emergency Orders and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, residents are encouraged to shop and dine locally to support businesses located in both Davie and Cooper City. This will help to support job security and to help the local economy recover.

Community members are asked to join the marketing conversation online by utilizing the hashtag, #HowlHelped. Residents are encouraged to share a picture of themselves supporting a local business with the hashtag #HowlHelped.

Each time the hashtags are used, Davie, Cooper City, and the Chamber of Commerce will share the pictures to promote the businesses and to thank our community.



FAU SBDC BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Town of Davie is partnering with the Florida Atlantic University (FAU) Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to launch a business development program.

The program's goal is to provide Davie business owners with access to various resources to help them grow and succeed during and after COVID-19. SBDC works with all stages of a business – from a preventure business (exploring business feasibility) to an established business (in business over three years).

SBDC's team provides

one-on-one consultations, virtual and in-person, to help businesses gain access to capital, increase sales, develop, and implement successful business plans, and provide access to training. The services are provided at no cost and are confidential.

The SBDC team is trained and equipped to address a variety of business needs, regardless of trade or sector. SBDC offers specialized services offered by government contracting, virtual marketing plans, reopening business plans, growth accelerations, business emergency

preparedness plans, certified business valuations, and organizational development (DiSC) assessments. Throughout the crisis, SBDC's have been working on the front lines with small businesses to assist them access economic assistance to help maintain payroll, address urgent operational needs, and keep Davie businesses open, and residents employed.

For more information, contact Antonio (Tony) Lasi, Finance & Capital Access Specialist with the Division of Research at alasi@fau.edu or 561-289-8036.

TOWN OF DAVIE

Municipal Solid Waste Service Provider Changes

Effective June 1, 2021, the Town of Davie switched its municipal solid waste service provider to Coastal Waste & Recycling. The changes will impact all garbage, recycling, bulk trash, commercial, and construction and demolition collection throughout the Town.

The maps and schedules replace the bulk map and schedule you received from Waste Management earlier this year.

Garbage and Recycling Pickup

Town of Davie residential customers who receive curbside pickup will receive garbage and recycling pickup twice per week. Residents may see a change in the days of the week they had services prior to June 1, 2021.

The pickup schedule for garbage and recycling within the Town's boundaries are determined as follows:

West
(if you reside west of Flamingo Road)
Mondays and Thursdays

Central
(if you reside from Flamingo Road to Pine Island Road)
Tuesdays and Fridays

East
(if you reside from
Pine Island Road east)
Wednesdays and Saturdays

The Town of Davie has altered its processing of recycling materials as part of the solid waste transition. Going forward, all residential trash and recycling materials collected from single-family residences, both garbage and recycling will be sent to the Wheelabrator South Broward Waste-to-Energy plant located on SR7/441.

About the Waste-to-Energy Plant

At the Waste-to-Energy plant, ferrous and non-ferrous metals are separated from the materials we deliver and are recycled back into the marketplace to create new products. The remainder is incinerated into fuel that can produce as much as 66 megawatts of electricity used to power over 38,000 homes in Broward County.

About the Recycling Transition

This transition occurred because of two reasons: the global recycling market changed and contamination issues. Low, and in some cases, no demand in the global marketplace for materials such as glass and plastics #3 through #7, combined with the low value of mixed paper and high rates of contamination, have tripled the cost of processing recyclable materials over the past few years. In addition, if the recycling is contaminated with waste, the contaminated recyclables end up in the landfill. As a result of this transition, the recyclables will be converted into energy instead of being landfilled.

While this approach is not ideal, the Town is still asking residents to source separate their materials between green (garbage) and beige (recycling) carts. We are making this request because we are collaborating with Broward County and other municipalities to determine the feasibility of opening a government-run recycling facility in Broward County. Once the Town resumes recycling processing in the future, we will be in a state of readiness to participate as we will still be separating our recyclables.



TOWN OF DAVIE TEXTILE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Support the Town of Davie Textile Recycling Program by bringing a plastic bag or two (tied) of gently used clothing and shoes to dropoff at the Textile Recycling Bins located throughout Davie. The bins are easily identified as they have the Town's logo on the front. This program not only helps the Town's commitment to recycling, but also will help fund local nonprofit organizations through the Town's Community Endowment Fund. To view the list of organizations that benefit from this program, visit www.davie-fl.gov/CommunityEndowment.

Davie Bin Locations:

Advanced Auto - 8401 Orange Drive Am Pm Davie- 3901 SW 64th Avenue Burger King -1255 N Nob Hill Road Chabad - 10601 Stirling Road Chevron - 4351 S Flamingo Road Cinemark 24- 15601 Sheridan Street Costco- 1890 S University Drive CVS -4610 S University Drive Davie Golf & Country Club- 8201 Nova Drive Exxon -13000 W State Road 84 Home Depot - 15885 Rick Case Honda Way Marathon- 4450 S University Drive McDonalds - 6405 Nova Drive Mobil - 8810 W State Road 84 Mobil-11400 W State Rd 84 Pine Island Park - East Entrance Promenade West - University Rd.
Davie Publix - Stirling & 68th
RaceTrac - 2855 Davie Road
La Joya - 3699 Davie Road Extension
Tower Shops- 1904 S University Drive
Town Hall - 6591 Orange Drive
U-Gas - 4997 Volunteer Road
Wawa - 2500 SW 64th Avenue
Wendy's - 2660 Davie Road
Wendy's - 3055 S University Drive.
West Broward Gymnastics Academy 409 SW 136th Avenue
Young At Art - 751 SW 121st Avenue
6507 Orange Drive
11400 State Road 84



Stainability Awards

The Town of Davie is now accepting nominations for the 2021 Sustainability Awards. This initiative is part of the continued effort to ensure the sustainability of our community's resources and environment.

To participate, residents are asked to nominate a neighbor, business, school, non-profit organization, or themselves. A select group of nominees will be recognized for their implementation of sustainable strategies and initiatives in their neighborhood, home, school, or business throughout the Town of Davie.

Entry forms are available on the Town's Planning and Zoning webpage or at www.davie-fl.gov/322/Planning-Zoning.

Completed forms and attachments may be submitted via email to lbazinet@davie-fl.gov or mailed to:

Planning & Zoning Attn: Lise Bazinet 6591 Orange Drive, Davie FL 33314.

Applications must be submitted by Friday, September 10, 2021.

About the Town of Davie Sustainability Awards:

The Town of Davie is committed to ensuring the sustainability of our community's resources and environment. From the preservation of the Town's rural heritage to raising awareness about climate change, community-wide action is necessary to maintain environmental conservation and improve the community. To continue supporting this goal, the Town established the Sustainability Awards to honor businesses, individuals, and nonprofit organizations that support sustainability within our community.

For any questions, please call 954-797-1180.



Organic Lawn Care: A Balance of Beauty and Sustainability

Article Courtesy of Tree Amigos Growers (Recipient of the 2020 Sustainability Awards)

Stepping into your own green sanctuary that's lush, colorful, well-maintained, and filled with singing birds and gorgeous butterflies can feel very peaceful and rewarding.

But did you know that the way we care for our lawns and gardens can be contributing to the amount of runoff pollutants present in the Everglades and in our beaches?

The good news is that there is a way to maintain a beautiful-looking landscape without sacrificing our natural habitats, and it can be done through organic lawn care.

Following organic and sustainable growing practices that align with the Town of Davie's Sustainability Action Plan (created in collaboration with the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences) is a great place to start.

Healthy Soil is the Foundation to Growing a Healthy Lawn

Healthy soil is composed of organic matter, beneficial microbes, and macro and micro nutrients that allow plants to grow healthy and strong.

There are three major components that contribute to healthy soil, and they make up the foundation of organic lawn care:

a reliable watering system (irrigation)
 organic plant food (fertilizer)
 proper maintenance (mowing)

3. proper maintenance (mowing) Understanding how each component works can significantly reduce overall water input, fertilizer runoff, weed growth, and pest/disease outbreaks.

The next sections will show you how to achieve healthy soil, all while practicing organic lawn care and without sacrificing your overall aesthetic goals.

Watering

Most people are never taught how much or how often to water their lawn. Learning how to find the right balance can make all the difference.

According to the Landscape Best Management Practices for Broward County your lawn needs no more than one inch of water per week, whether it is via an irrigation system or by rainfall. That means turning on your sprinkler system 1-2 times per week.

Applying more than the recommended amount of water to your lawn can result in fertilizer runoff, water waste, disease outbreaks, increased weeds, and a poor root system.

Following these simple steps can help you water your lawn more accurately and result in significant water savings:

- Install a rain shut-off device or rain gauge to monitor how much water your lawn receives.
- Measure the time it takes for the rain gauge to fill to ½ inch -- that's how long your irrigation system should run for
- Skip one watering cycle for every ½ inch of rain received
- Do not forget to check your sprinkler heads twice a month to ensure your watering system is in optimal working condition.

Fertilizing

The type of fertilizer you use to feed your lawn is important, but how you choose to use it can greatly impact our natural habitats.

Because fertilizers directly affect plant growth, they are often applied indiscriminately, which can lead to damage; therefore, taking a more systematic approach is highly recommended.

Understanding the role organic fertilizers play in creating a healthy soil system helps prevent nutrients from immediately running off into waterways, lessening environmental impact.

How to Choose the Right Fertilizer

Lawns are living organisms that require specific nutrients to thrive. These nutrients are commonly displayed on fertilizer packaging as three numbers (e.g. 8-2-4), which represent its Nitrogen-Phosphorus-Potassium ratio, or NPK for short.

Organic fertilizer that's sold at retail stores contain a "guaranteed analysis" label that breaks down its full contents. For example, an 8-2-4 fertilizer (our recommendation for lawns) is 8% Nitrogen, 2% Phosphorus, and 4% Potassium.

Recommended Nitrogen and Phosphorus for South Florida lawn care:

Nitrogen (N): The golden rule in South Florida is to apply no more than one pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet at a time, 4-6 times a year. 8% nitrogen is usually the highest available in organic fertilizer that's made noncommercial use.

Phosphorus (P): Maintain a phosphorus

concentration of 2% or less. Anything higher can increase the chances of phosphorus runoff.

Maintenance / Mowing

Everything is connected in a balanced organic system, and how you mow your lawn is another key part to maintaining that balance.

Mowing your lawn to the recommended height of around 3-4 inches encourages greater root growth, which suppresses weeds and increases the plant's ability to absorb nutrients.

Beyond The Lawn

Maintaining your lawn using organic practices is a great first step towards sustainability. With a reliable watering system, regular application of fertilizer, and proper maintenance in place, you can easily transition to the next step: growing your own organic food.

Edible gardens can be an attractive part of your landscape when designed well, and it doesn't take much space to grow food. With only four square feet, you can grow enough organic kale to feed a small family.

Converting areas of your yard from grass to food garden not only maximizes the use of green spaces, it also helps reduce your carbon footprint. Best of all, edible organic gardens that grow fruits, vegetables, and herbs provide fresh food that helps improve your overall wellbeing.

To learn more about organic growing in our Davie bioregion, visit treeamigosgrowers.com and follow us on instagram at instagram.com/treeamigosgrowers.

Sources used:

- Town of Davie's Sustainability Action Plan
- Landscape Best Management Practices for Broward County
- The University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/ IFAS): Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Program
- UF/IFAS: Homeowner Best Management Practices for the Home Lawn

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BUILDING PERMIT

APPLICATION PROCESS

ALL NEW PERMIT APPLICATIONS WILL BE PROCESSED AS PROJECTDOX ONLINE PERMITTING SUITE

- Individuals must first email only their application to Buildingdept@davie-fl.gov, to opt-in for ProjectDox (the email address under box the "contractor on the application will be processed on the ProjectDox. If you wish to use a different one, you must state it in your email).
- Individuals will receive an email invitation to upload the plans and documents to the e-mail provided.
- Please make sure to upload the required documents into ProjectDox to ensure your permit can be processed.
- Read all instructions on uploading plans (file type and naming MUST be as instructed).
- · Failure to follow directions will delay the permit.

CORRECTIONS/REVISIONS

If your initial permit was submitted paper format, corrections/revisions:

- May only be submitted through email if they are up to (10), 8 1/2"x11" pages to Buildingdept@davie-fl.
- gov.
 Must be submitted via mail if the pages exceed the size/amount stated above. Mail to address: 6591 Orange Drive, Davie, FL 33314.
- If your permit is through ProjectDox, you will continue to use the program for corrections and

DAVIE PAYMENTS

- · Please do not send payments if you have not received a confirmation email on the balance due. The price reflected on our online portal Esuites is subject to change.
- To make payments, please mail checks to 6591 Orange Drive, Davie, FL 33314, payable to the "Town of Davie". FYI: Permit dropoff fees will not be charged until the permit is ready for pick up (we will notify you of the final balance). Revision fees may be mailed in with the revised plans to accelerate the process. Visit www.davie-fl. gov/1019/2021-Building-Fee-Schedule to view the Building Division Fee Schedule.
- Only checks may be dropped off at the "Utilities Payments" drive-through mailbox, located on the west side of the Town Hall building. Individuals must place the permit number and "Building" Division" on the front of the envelope.

APPOINTMENT INFORMATION

The Building Department has reopened for in-person municipal business transactions. In-person services are available by appointment only at bit.ly/DavieBookAppt

Electronic ProjectDox submittals will only be accepted. No paper plans will be processed.

BUILDING DIVISION

Phone: 954-797-1111

Step back in time and tour the 1918 Davie School, the first school in the frontier Everglades! Experience life as a pioneer in the early 20th century, and visit the 100+ year-old historic homes. You may have driven past it on Griffin Road, but stop by and learn about the history around you! Mention this ad, and receive \$1 off the admission. Guided tours by appointment only: \$10 adults / \$7 for kids (under 12) and seniors (65+). Visit www.olddavieschool.org, or give us a call at 954-797-1044, for more information.

Events and Activities

MAKE YOUR OWN TIE-DYE

SATURDAY, JULY 3 1- 2:30 p.m. \$18/\$15 FOR MEMBERS

Create a fun outfit just in time for the Fourth of July. One item to tie-dye is included in the program fee. Each guest can bring 1-2 items to tie-dye, like T-shirts, bandanas, socks, etc. No oversized items like bed sheets.

STITCHED TOGETHER: **AN EXHIBIT**

WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 1p.m. Enjoy a Guided Tour of the Old Davie School and historic houses, as well as our Stitched Together exhibitfeaturing the museum's beautiful homemade collection of quilts. embroidery, lace tatting, and more. EXTENDED NOW - SUMMER 2021

BACK TO SCHOOL CONCERT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 **EVENT DETAILS TBA** Join the Old Davie School on September 12, 2021 for a free Back-to-School Concert featuring the band Across the universe. Event details can be located at www.olddavieschool.org

TIME TRAVELERS CLUB

\$6 PER TIME TRAVELER Jump into the Time Machine and travel back in time to an old-fashioned summer on the Florida frontier at the Old Davie School Historical Museum.

JUNE - AUGUST 2021

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The Town of Davie is participating in the #SaferBy4 campaign in an effort to reduce preventable child deaths. Too many children have died before their fourth birthday due to unsafe sleeping practices or drownings. The #SaferBy4 campaign is designed to help children reach their fourth birthday. There are two components of the #SaferBy4 campaign: water safety (drowning prevention) and safe sleep practices for infants.

Safe Sleep

Here are 10 ways which you can prevent your baby from dying from an accidental sleep related death:

- 1. Always place your baby on his or her back for each and every sleep.
- Place your baby to sleep alone in a crib, bassinet or pack-n-play on a firm mattress with a fitting crib sheet.
- No pillows, toys, bumper pads, loose bedding or blankets in the baby's crib.
- Do not allow smoking around your baby.
- Do not allow your baby to sleep in bed with you, other adults, or children.
- Your baby should sleep in the same room with you.
- Do not allow your baby to overheat. Dress your baby as you would dress for the
- Offer your baby a clean, dry pacifier when placing baby down for sleep.
- Breastfeeding is best for your baby. It has many health benefits for mother and baby.
- 10. Make sure anyone caring for your baby knows that your baby only sleeps Alone on their Back in a Crib (follow the ABCs).

For more information: www. myflfamilies.com/serviceprograms/child-welfare/

Drowning Prevention

Lavers of Protection To Prevent Drownings

Supervision: Make sure that someone is always actively watching the water when a child is in the pool. Assign a "water watcher" to ensure that a responsible adult is supervising the child.

Barriers: Children should never have accessibility to water without being accompanied by an adult. Have several barriers (in case one fails) to physically block a child from a pool. Barriers include door alarms, pool fences, self-latching gates, child-proof locks, and pool covers.

Emergency Response: Early activation of EMS, CPR, and Rescue Breathing can mean the difference between life or death. Keep a phone by the pool, and learn CPR and Rescue Breathing.





Town of Davie Swim Lessons

Swim lessons will be conducted Tuesdays and Thursdays or Saturdays and Sundays for 4-week sessions (8 lessons). Registration will be open to Davie residents one month before the start of lessons and open to nonresidents two weeks before the start of lessons.

Registration fees are \$80 for 8-30 minute lessons. To register, visit www.davie-fl.gov/SwimLessons



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The Town has a number of advisory boards and committees that provide recommendations to the Town Council regarding special program areas. To be appointed to a board or to a committee, you must be a registered voter, a Town resident, or a Town business owner. If you are interested in volunteering your time by serving on any of the Town boards or committees, please contact Evelyn Roig, MMC, Town Clerk, 6591 Orange Drive, Davie, FL 33314, at 954-797-1026, Fax: 954-797-1087, or email eroig@davie-fl.gov.

CURRENT BOARDS & COMMITTEES

- Agricultural and Environmental Committee **Airport/Transportation**
- **Advisory Committee**
- **Budget Advisory** Committee
- Community **Redevelopment Agency**
- **Fire Pension Board**
- **General Employees & Management Pension** Board

- **Historical Preservation** Board
- **Planning and Zoning Board**
- **Police Pension Board**
- **Site Plan Committee**
- **United Ranches Preservation Committee**
- **Unsafe Structures** Committee
- Youth Education and **Safety Advisory**